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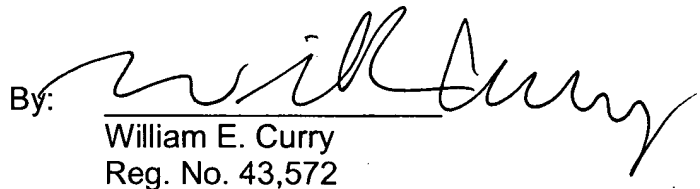
Claims 9-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 have been canceled without prejudice to disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 9-22 are newly filed.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-8 of prior US Patent No. 6,377,783. Accordingly, claims 1-8 have canceled above and claims 9-22 have been newly filed. Claims 9-22 are not identical to or of the same scope as claims 1-8. Favorable consideration of claims 9-22 and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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